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beloved -- city workers were sweeping Memorial Park.
I couldn't believe my eyes. If I had had film in my
camera I would have taken a photograph of them.
I bathed and went to the office. On my way up
Main Street I told the city workers how nice it looked.
The town had a festival air about it: sidewalk Sale
Days, the Bishop, beautiful sunny weather. The
city workers were even patching up the concrete in
front of the City building. At the office I typed the
following letter to Dominick E. Mazza:

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Mr. Dominick E. Mazza
60 Green Street
Carbondale, PA 18407

Dear Mr. Mazza:

The Carbondale Historical Society is concerned about the future of the Irving Theatre. The fact that the air conditioning plant was removed from the roof of the building on Monday, July 11, has led some people to speculate that the useful life of the building is over, and that the building will be demolished in the relatively near future.

It is our belief that the Irving Theatre can once again become an integral part of the economic and cultural life of Carbondale and the upper Lackawanna Valley. We further believe that the loss of the building--or even the continued present use of the building--would constitute a crime not only against the building but also against the community. Were the building to be again given a chance to serve the city, it might well become the nucleus of an economically and culturally revived downtown area instead of performing no apparent function in the community.

Given our commitment to Carbondale's past, present and future, we are most anxious to assist in any way to effect the preservation and re-use of the Irving Theatre in a manner beneficial to the building itself, the business community and the community as a whole.